

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Zdravko PALUNCIC : **Mail Stop: PCT**
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0204A
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CONNECTING DEVICE FOR A PIPE OR SIMILAR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly
amend the application as follows:**